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Non-responsive reply

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The reply filed on 7/11/2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The applicant elected claim 30. This is therefore an election of B). The applicant was requested in the first office action that, if they elected B), then an election must be made between 3) claim 31 and 4) claim 32. The applicant has not done this.

As well, the applicant was requested to elect between x) the fibers of claim 40 and y) the fibers of claim 41. The applicant has not done this.

Regarding applicant's arguments against an election of species, the examiner takes note of the fact that claims drawn to saturating a fabric with a flame retardant, an antimicrobial agent or a fluid repellent are vastly different topics, and a search for one would not result in a search for all.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid

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abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER
37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Erma Cameron whose telephone number is 571-272-1416. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-6:00, alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Meeks can be reached on 571-272-1423. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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